

Dear Sirs,

I am very disturbed by Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to make their stations air an anti-Kerry documentary just before the upcoming election. This is just another clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

As with all broadcasters, Sinclair has been given the right to use the public airwaves free of charge. Consequently, it is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.